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United States Air Force's Thunderbird #8 departs the 104th Fighter Wing on February 18, 2010, after visiting and discussing the preparations for the 2010 Westfield International Air Show being hosted on August 21 & 22, 2010.

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Commander's Column

By Col. Robert T. Brooks

Barnestormers:

We achieved two of our FY 2010 goals by becoming operational in the F-15 on 1 Feb and standing up Air Sovereignty Alert on 15 Feb. The road was not easy, yet we still accomplished our objectives due to your hard work and determination. We are now less than one month away from our first major inspection in the F-15 with our Alert Force Evaluation on the horizon. There is a good chance the inspection will happen prior to our next drill; this is our first priority. The Air Force Operational Assessment highlighted some areas we need to zero in on and fix prior to the NORAD IG team arriving. The exact date of the inspection is not known, the IG team will show up unannounced and the inspection will commence. While the IG team is here, just be who you are and do what you do and we will be fine. The key is proper preparation and fixing areas that need it.

Speaking of inspections, our Base Environmental Team led by John Richardson just faced an environmental multi-media no notice inspection from the Mass DEP the first week in March. Several folks were singled out during the inspection including Jen Marsh, Greg Liptak, MSgt Andy Charon, TSgt Yvan Wampler, MSgt Rich Kuras, MSgt Robert Oleksak, TSgt James Ingari, TSgt Robert Gleason, TSgt Ken McElroy, MSgt Robert Stec, and SSgt Jason Loring. The Environmental team was also the 2008-2009 Electronic Reuse and Recycling Campaign Award Winner, and John Richardson won the 2009 Environmental Quality Award from NGB. Thanks to the entire environmental team for taking care of business and continuing the positive momentum here in the 104th Fighter Wing.

Our medical group deployed Lt Col Rockwell, Lt Col Carlson, Capt. Burgess, TSgt Perez-Santa, TSgt Tony Linton to Paraguay for our State Partnership for Peace program. We have several folks who have deployed in support of the Global War on Terror, and several more that are still deployed in hostile combat AOR's. I want to thank each and every one of you for your service to our great nation.

Our air show is set this summer for 21-22 Aug. The USAF Thunderbird demonstration team will fly in and perform on both days. Lt Col Fedora, Major Leahy, and Major Mutti did a superb job of scheduling some great demonstrations for our show. While the event will take a lot of work, the

public relations and recruiting opportunities will be worth the effort. The money taken in for our T-bolt Council can be used for donations, charities, and to help those generally in need. In a nutshell, we help take care of airman and their families, and the local community.

April drill will bring several Distinguished Visitors onto our base including several General Officers, Civilian Leaders, and possibly the 1st AF Commander, Major General Dean. We will host a ribbon cutting ceremony for the Alert Operations Area, the Munitions Area, and our New Fire Station. A lot of work has gone into IOC and ASA standup from the entire base. While the following is a quote from the AFNORTH A-4, I think it is applicable to the entire wing, and an indicator that we are on our way to becoming the most respected Fighter Wing in the combat air force: "I'd like to congratulate you and your team for tackling the enormous task of simultaneous conversion and ASA standup, with some of the oldest Eagles in the inventory. We are seriously impressed with your maintenance team's enthusiasm and their ability to learn on the fly"....the 104th is.... "a first class organization and we really appreciate their effort".

Col Brooks

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Command Chief Master Sgt.'s Column

By Chief Master Sgt. Al Reale

I'd like to thank all of you who attended Maj Gen Platt's induction ceremony "The Order of the Muskel". It was a great event for a

great man. He had excellent words on empowerment and trust.

Last night I called work and asked someone on night shift to prepare some documents for me to bring to the morning maintenance meeting. When I came in, the documents were on my desk and there was a small pamphlet on the top. I smiled when I saw the title for I had seen this story years before and had used it as a "catch all" guide for those new to an organization. If you can get "a message to Garcia", I'd say, "you will be indispensable". I am thankful that this lesson came back into my life and I would like to pass it on to each of you. Take a minute and read it, and throughout your lifetime, heed it.

1899—A Message to Garcia

Elbert Hubbard

Hubbard, Elbert (1856-1915) - American essayist, lecturer, and philosopher. *Message to Garcia* (1899) - A short but powerful work that is the fifth most widely distributed book in history. It is an inspirational essay addressed to Iniguez Garcia, a Cuban revolutionist who represented Cuba in the 1898 negotiations with the United States for Cuban independence.

A Message to Garcia

In all this Cuban business there is one man stands out on the horizon of my memory like Mars at perihelion. When war broke out between Spain & the United States, it was very necessary to communicate quickly with the leader of the Insurgents. Garcia was somewhere in the mountain vastness of Cuba- no one knew where. No mail nor telegraph message could reach him. The President must secure his cooperation, and quickly.

What to do!

Someone said to the President, "There's a fellow by the name of Rowan will find Garcia for you, if anybody can." Rowan was sent for and given a letter to be delivered to Garcia. How "the fellow by the name of Rowan" took the letter, sealed it up in an oil-skin pouch, strapped it over his heart, in four days landed by night off the coast of Cuba from an open boat, disappeared into the jungle, & in three weeks came out on the other side of the Island, having traversed a hostile country on foot, and delivered his letter to Garcia, are things I have no special desire now to tell in detail.

The point I wish to make is this: McKinley gave Rowan a letter to be delivered to Garcia; Rowan took the letter and did not ask, "Where is he at?" By the Eternal! there is a man whose form should be cast in deathless bronze and the statue placed in every college of the land.

It is not book-learning young men need, nor instruction about this and that, but a stiffening of the vertebrae which will cause them to be loyal to a trust, to act promptly, concentrate their energies: do the thing- "Carry a message to Garcia!" General Garcia is dead now, but there are other Garcias.

No man, who has endeavored to carry out an enterprise where many hands were needed, but has been well nigh appalled at times by the imbecility of the average man the inability or unwillingness to concentrate on a thing and do it. Slipshod assistance, foolish inattention, dowdy indifference, & half-hearted work seem the rule; and no man succeeds, unless by hook or crook, or threat, he forces or bribes other men to assist him; or mayhap, God in His goodness performs a miracle, & sends him an Angel of Light for an assistant.

You, reader, put this matter to a test: You are sitting now in your office- six clerks are within call. Summon any one and make this request: "Please look in the encyclopedia and make a brief memorandum for me concerning the life of Correggio".

Will the clerk quietly say, "Yes, sir," and go do the task?

On your life, he will not. He will look at you out of a fishy eye and ask one or more of the following questions:

Who was he?

Which encyclopedia?

Where is the encyclopedia?

Was I hired for that?

Don't you mean Bismarck?

What's the matter with Charlie doing it?

Is he dead?

Is there any hurry?

Shan't I bring you the book and let you look it up yourself?

What do you want to know for?

And I will lay you ten to one that after you have answered the questions, and explained how to find the information, and why you want it, the clerk will go off and get one of the other clerks to help him try to find Garcia- and then come back and tell you there is no such man. Of course I may lose my bet, but according to the Law of Average, I will not.

Now if you are wise you will not bother to explain to your "assistant" that Correggio is indexed under the C's, not in the K's, but you will smile sweetly and say, "Never mind," and go look it up yourself.

And this incapacity for independent action, this moral stupidity, this infirmity of the will, this unwillingness to cheerfully catch hold and lift, are the things that put pure Socialism so far into the future. If men will not act for themselves, what will they do when the benefit of their effort is for all? A first-mate with knotted club seems necessary; and the dread of getting "the bounce" Saturday night, holds many a worker to his place.

Advertise for a stenographer, and nine out of ten who apply, can neither spell nor punctuate- and do not think it necessary to.

Can such a one write a letter to Garcia?

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First Sgt.'s Column

By Master Sgt. Lynne Bolduc, Operations Group & HQ First Sgt.

There has been a lot of reminiscing lately. I'm sure you have heard it, I know I have. Especially with the Order of the Musket for Maj Gen Platt, and then with the ORI around the corner, you hear all of us that have been around awhile with the phrase; "Do you remember when...?".

I can say a lot has changed over the years, but some things haven't changed at all. One thing that hasn't changed is following the rules. I remember when I first joined the 104th, Gen Platt had just taken over the wing, I was just an Airman Basic in Services and we were having an Unit Compliance Inspection (UCI). I learned then to follow the Air Force Regulations and manuals, or else there would be problems. I still remember my first commander's call when Gen Platt spoke to the wing about the ORI we were facing in 1994. There are a lot of similarities to the inspections we have coming up. That ORI was a big inspection for us with a lot riding on it. But Gen

Platt stood up and told us to work as a team, every function of this base needs each other, and that the wing would not succeed without each other. He also told us to follow policy. Follow the rules. Whether it's an AFI, AFPAM, BI, OI, AFNORTH instruction, follow it. If you think something is wrong, follow the proper channels to ask questions about it. But don't stray from proper procedures. Don't make up your own rules because you think you know better. Those policies were put in place to ensure that the Air Force's mission is successfully carried out; someone did the thinking for us. There may seem to be an easier way, but is it the right way? That's the question to ask yourself.

One of the other things he told us was, it's ok if you don't know the answer. Admit you don't know, don't make it up, don't BS. Say "Sir or Sgt, I don't know, but I can get the answer for you". But then go get the answer. You have to follow up. Some of you may carry around, or may see people carry around, little

notebooks. One thing I was told was if you carry a little notebook in your cargo pocket, you always have it just in case someone asks you a question, and you don't know the answer. You can write it down and remember to follow up on it.

Bottom line is, we have quite a few inspections coming up, for the alert we had the AFOA, and now an AFE inspection. Then we will have our ORI phase 1, a UCI, then our phase 2. One thing that will make all of these inspections go much smoother is if we follow the rules from day one. If we do things according to AF, ANG, ACC, AFNORTH, NORAD and base policy and procedures, it will make everything much easier, because you won't have to second guess, you know it's done the way it's supposed to be. So, if you don't know, look it up, and if you can't find the answer, ask someone. The resources you need are out there, and we are here to help you.

Thunderbirds Approach

By Senior Airman Matthew Benedetti, Public Affairs

A meeting was held on 18 Feb here at the 104th Fighter Wing to plan and discuss the upcoming air show on 21 & 22 August 2010.

The Thunderbird #8 - advance pilot, Major Tony Muthare, was in attendance as well as several members of the 104th command staff. Representatives from the Federal Aviation Administration attended and are a key component of the planning process.

Logistics, security and lodging were a few items covered during the meeting.

Lt. Col. Ken Fedora, the air show coordinator, is pleased with the progress being made thus far.

"We have hosted the air show for many years, and the Thunderbirds are comfortable working at the 104th. I think we made a good impression," he said.



(Photo by Senior Master Sgt. Robert J. Sabonis)

Command Chief Master Sgt.'s Column—Continued

By Chief Master Sgt. Al Reale

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Can such a one write a letter to Garcia?

"You see that bookkeeper," said the foreman to me in a large factory.

"Yes, what about him?"

"Well he's a fine accountant, but if I'd send him up town on an errand, he might accomplish the errand all right, and on the other hand, might stop at four saloons on the way, and when he got to Main Street, would forget what he had been sent for."

Can such a man be entrusted to carry a message to Garcia?

We have recently been hearing much maudlin sympathy expressed for the "downtrodden denizen of the sweat-shop" and the "homeless wanderer searching for honest employment," & with it all often go many hard words for the men in power.

Nothing is said about the employer who grows old before his time in a vain attempt to get frowsy ne'er-do-wells to do intelligent work; and his long patient striving with "help" that does nothing but loaf when his back is turned. In every store and factory there is a constant weeding-out process going on. The employer is constantly sending away "help" that have shown their incapacity to further the interests of the business, and others are being taken on. No matter how good times are, this sorting continues, only if times are hard and work is scarce, the sorting is done finer- but out and forever out, the incompetent and unworthy go. It is the survival of the fittest.

Self-interest prompts every employer to keep the best- those who can carry a message to Garcia.

I know one man of really brilliant parts who has not the ability to manage a

business of his own, and yet who is absolutely worthless to any one else, because he carries with him constantly the insane suspicion that his employer is oppressing, or intending to oppress him. He cannot give orders; and he will not receive them. Should a message be given him to take to Garcia, his answer would probably be, "Take it yourself."

Tonight this man walks the streets looking for work, the wind whistling through his threadbare coat. No one who knows him dare employ him, for he is a regular firebrand of discontent. He is impervious to reason, and the only thing that can impress him is the toe of a thick-soled No. 9 boot.

Of course I know that one so morally deformed is no less to be pitied than a physical cripple; but in our pitying, let us drop a tear, too, for the men who are striving to carry on a great enterprise, whose working hours are not limited by the whistle, and whose hair is fast turning white through the struggle to hold in line dowdy indifference, slipshod imbecility, and the heartless ingratitude, which, but for their enterprise, would be both hungry & homeless.

Have I put the matter too strongly? Possibly I have; but when all the world has gone aslumping I wish to speak a word of sympathy for the man who succeeds- the man who, against great odds has directed the efforts of others, and having succeeded, finds there's nothing in it: nothing but bare board and clothes.

I have carried a dinner pail & worked for day's wages, and I have also been an employer of labor, and I know there is something to be said on both sides. There is no excellence, per se, in

poverty; rags are no recommendation; & all employers are not rapacious and high-handed, any more than all poor men are virtuous. My heart goes out to the man who does his work when the "boss" is away, as well as when he is at home. And the man who, when given a letter for Garcia, quietly take the missive, without asking any idiotic questions, and with no lurking intention of chucking it into the nearest sewer, or of doing aught else but deliver it, never gets "laid off," nor has to go on a strike for higher wages. Civilization is one long anxious search for just such individuals. Anything such a man asks shall be granted; his kind is so rare that no employer can afford to let him go. He is wanted in every city, town and village in every office, shop, store and factory. The world cries out for such: he is needed, & needed badly- the man who can carry a message to Garcia.

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He is also the author of "Little Journeys to Homes of Famous Women," "Little Journeys to Homes of American Statesmen," "Little Journeys to Homes of Eminent Painters," "Little Journeys to Homes of Good Men and Great," and many other delightful things. THE END

History of the F-100 Memorial ~ Part VII

By Army Spc. Lisa Pauli

Capt. Leonard E. Bannish of Westfield died when his F-84F Thunderstreak crashed during a training flight near Wilkes-Barre, Pa., on May

30th, 1968. Crashed while attempting an emergency landing at the Wilkes-Barre PA airport.



Proper Wear of the Green Fleece Outer Garment

10/13/2009 - **Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio (AFNS)** -- The 98th Air Force Virtual Uniform Board released a policy message on Oct. 9 for wearing the new Air Force sage green fleece as an outer garment for the airman battle uniform.

According to the message, the sage green fleece may only be worn over the ABU top, and is not authorized to be worn solely over a T-shirt, thermal underwear and similar undergarments, when worn as an outer garment.

According to the message signed by Lt. Gen. Richard Y. Newton III, deputy chief of staff for Manpower and Personnel at, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, authorized wear of the sage green fleece requires the following:

- a Velcro ABU print last name tape with dark blue block lettering, centered between the zipper and sleeve seam on the wearer's right chest,
- a Velcro ABU print U.S. Air Force tape with dark blue block lettering, adjacent to the name tape and centered between the zipper and sleeve seam on the wearers left chest,
- a Velcro subdued cloth rank

with a solid sage green background, flushed and centered above the last name tape on the wearer's right chest,



- the fleece must remain zipped no lower than halfway between the name tape and the collar,

- the collar must be folded over and resting on the shoulder, chest and back when the zipper is not completely zipped,
- the bottom length of the fleece must be as close to length of ABU top as possible,
- the sleeves must be worn down at all times, and
- the fleece must be kept in a neat, serviceable and professional appearance at all times.

Items authorized for wear with the fleece include black or sage green leather, suede or knit gloves, black or sage green watch caps, black scarves that are tucked in, and black ear muffs.

The uniform board has authorized wear of the sage green fleece without name tapes and rank as an outer garment until Oct 1, 2010. Both the black and the green fleece without tapes and rank may be worn as a liner to the all-purpose environmental clothing system, or APECS. The black fleece will phase-out Oct 1, 2010.

New sage green fleece outer garments will be made available first to deployed Airmen.

Airmen with questions regarding this article should address them through their chain of command, or by calling the Air Force Personnel Center at 800-525-0102, or DSN 665-5000.



Safety, 'How Goes-It?'

By Senior Master Sgt. Thomas Dumais, Safety

February 2010

Injuries

Worker injured; Deep leg bruise; Leg impacted table; Prescription medication

Worker injured; Strained shoulder. Overexertion during baton training; Greater than first aid

Mishaps

HEF activation; aircraft foamed; inadvertent activation; 50K+ Damage

VPP AT THE 104TH FIGHTER WING

By Master Sgt. Shannon Huard, Ground/Weapons Safety NCO



Do **YOU** know about **VPP**? If you don't, you should. **VPP** stands for the Occupational Safety and Health Administration's Voluntary Protection Programs. It also stands for "good" safety programs becoming **EXCELLENT**.

Over the years OSHA has seen that companies doing similar work can have very different injury and illness rates. They looked at the great and not-so-great safety performers and found some common threads among those who are really good at keeping their people from getting hurt. Through **VPP**, OSHA shares those common threads with organizations wishing to improve their safety performance.

WE, the 104th Fighter Wing, are one of those organizations that want to get better at keeping **YOU** from getting hurt on the job, and **VPP** is how we are going to do it.

OSHA now calls the common threads they found in excellent safety performers the "**FOUR ELEMENTS of VPP**". They are:

Leadership Commitment and Employee Involvement

Managers set the example and will do what is needed to provide a safe workplace.

Employees know the hazards they face better than anyone. When everyone is involved, many hands make **SAFE** work.

Worksite Analysis

More than inspecting for compliance – it's **FINDING HAZARDS**. Look at work areas often. Investigate hazard reports, accidents, and near misses.

Find the problem trends, and figure out what is causing them.

Hazard Prevention and Control

When hazards are found – eliminate them. If they cannot be eliminated, control them with ventilation, machine guards, ear plugs, safety glasses, etc.

Safety and Health Training

Teach people what they know to be able to do a good job in carrying out their personal safety responsibilities.

When **WE** know something that could help others be safe, **WE** teach **THEM**.

Knowing about **VPP** is one way **YOU** can be involved in **SAFETY**.

VPP – BE INVOLVED – BE SAFE!

Airmen in Focus - SrA Austin Putnam

By Senior Airman Matthew Benedetti, Public Affairs

The 104th Fighter Wing honors one deserving Airman annually as its "Outstanding Airman of the Year." The 2010 award was earned by SrA Austin Putnam.

Putnam, a native of Westfield, serves as a specialist in Aircraft Fuel System Maintenance. This position entails several critical tasks including repair, inspection, preventative maintenance of the aircraft's fuel system and external tanks. He has been a member of the Wing for over four years and began working at the base full time in February 2009.

Putnam takes pride in his work. "I enjoy telling people what I do for a living and watching their reaction.

I feel like I have one of the greatest jobs working out here," he said. "The people out here are a cut above the rest. They all work hard towards one goal, to get these jets in the air," he observed.

TSgt Dave Wilson, Putnam's supervisor, has been impressed by his demeanor, work ethic and creativity. Putnam developed and implemented the "External Tank Program" allowing the crew to better detect deficiencies and troubleshoot problems. "We noticed right away that he was a real go getter and are happy to have him here," said Wilson. "He wants to become a pilot and I am confident that he will reach his goal."



(Photo by SMSgt. Robert J. Sabonis)

SrA Putnam's commitment to the 104th Fighter Wing is readily apparent. "I love knowing, in my heart, that we really are our nation's sword and shield. The whole nation is counting on us to protect them and their families for generations to come," he said.

Revised TRICARE Coverage Prior to Mobilization

By Senior Master Sgt. Maryanne Walts, FSS Superintendent

The Fiscal Year 2010, National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA), amended Title 10, U. S. C.; Section 1074 to increase the amount of time a Reserve Component (RC) member is eligible for TRICARE coverage prior to mobilization from 90 to 180 days. RC members activated (volunteers and mobilized) in support of a contingency operation as defined in Title 10, U. S. C., Section 101(a)(13)(B) for more than 30 days are entitled to Enhanced Health Care/ TRICARE, which also extends to eligible family members."

OSD guidance needed to implement this change to TRICARE

coverage (Section 702, Title 10, United States Code (USC)) is forthcoming. This implementation will allow qualified reservists active duty health and dental



benefits for up to 180 days before active duty begins. Active duty must be in support of a contingency operation for more than 30

days duration to qualify for this pre-activation coverage. If you qualify for pre-activation coverage, your eligible family members are also covered. The final guidance and policy will be published upon notification from OSD.

For more information about TRICARE benefits and how they change during periods of activation and deactivation, visit the TRICARE website at www.tricare.mil. Airmen can explore the plan they are using and see how the benefits change when they are activated, deactivated, and deployed.

Eat your Fruits and Veggies!

By Lt. Col. Anita Compagnone, Medical Group

Almost Everyone Needs to Eat More Fruits and Vegetables!

A growing body of research shows that fruits and vegetables are critical to promoting good health. To get the amount that's recommended, most people need to increase the amount of fruits and vegetables they currently eat every day.

Fruits and vegetables come in terrific colors and flavors, but their real beauty lies in what's inside. Fruits and vegetables are great sources of many vitamins, minerals and other natural substances that may help protect you from chronic diseases.

To get a healthy variety, think color. Eating fruits and vegeta-

bles of different colors gives your body a wide range of valuable nutrients, like fiber, folate, potassium, and vitamins A and C. Some examples include green spinach, orange sweet potatoes, black beans, yellow corn, purple plums, watermelon, and white onions. For more variety, try new fruits and vegetables regularly.

For more tips on finding easy ways to add more fruits and vegetables into your daily eating patterns please go to

<http://www.cdc.gov/nccdphp/dnpa/nutrition/index.htm>



Homes for our Troops Gala

By Staff Sgt. Matthew Chapman, 104th AGE

Patriotism, Pride and Gratitude

On March 6, 2010 I was given the honor to represent the 104th FW with 5 fellow Airman at the Homes for Our Troops Gala. We checked in to the event in Boston at the Marriott, only to see over one thousand other men and women of all branches of service, and all ranks attending as well. I did not know what to expect at first, only that Oliver North was the key speaker, and being a former Marine, I just wanted to hear him speak. This event was one of the most humbling and worthwhile causes I have ever been to! The sole purpose is to raise money to pay for homes for disabled American soldiers that have been injured due to a war time incident. Most, if not all, of these

soldiers have families that they supported and cared for, and being injured not only stopped their career, but also



their ability to provide and help there families live a normal life. Homes for Our Troops provides a special equipped home that helps them rebuild their families lives, and gives them the pride they deserve, and self-sufficient ability they crave. I am very grateful that the leadership at the 104th allowed us to represent our base. It was very well received, and numerous high ranking officers were very impressed with our compassion and support at every level! I will hope that this is an event we support for years to come. I know myself and my wife will! This is a reality, and could happen to anyone of us serving in a war zone. You never know, you won't expect it, and it does happen!!

www.homesforourtroops.org

Daylight Saving Time (Not Daylight "Savings" Time)

By Matt Rosenberg, About.com Guide

On Sunday, March 14, 2010 at 2 a.m., Daylight Saving Time begins in the United States.

Every Spring we move our clocks one hour ahead and "lose" an hour during the night, and each Fall we move our clocks back one hour and "gain" an extra hour. But Daylight Saving Time (and not Daylight Savings Time with an "s") wasn't just created to confuse our schedules.

The phrase "Spring forward, Fall back" helps people remember how Daylight Saving Time affects their clocks. At 2 a.m. on the second Sunday in March, we set our clocks forward one hour ahead of Standard Time ("Spring forward"). We "Fall back" at 2 a.m. on the first Sunday in November by setting our clock back one hour and thus returning to Standard Time.

The change to Daylight Saving Time allows us to use less energy in lighting our homes by taking advantage of the longer and later daylight hours. During the eight-month period of Daylight Saving Time, the names of time in each of the time zones in the U.S. (map) change as well. Eastern Standard Time (EST) becomes Eastern Daylight Time, Central Standard Time (CST) becomes Central Daylight Time (CDT), Mountain Standard Time (MST) becomes Mountain Daylight Time (MDT), Pacific Standard Time

becomes Pacific Daylight Time (PDT), and so forth.

Daylight Saving Time was instituted in the United States during World War I in order to save energy for war production by taking advantage of the later hours of daylight between April and October. During World War II the federal government again required the states to observe the time change. Between the wars and after World War II, states and communities chose whether or not to observe Daylight Saving Time. In 1966, Congress passed the Uniform Time Act, which standardized the length of Daylight Saving Time.



Daylight Saving Time is four weeks longer since 2007 due to the passage of the Energy Policy Act in 2005. The Act extended Daylight Saving Time by four weeks from the second Sunday of March to the first Sunday of November, with the hope that it would save 10,000 barrels of oil each day through reduced use of power

by businesses during daylight hours. Unfortunately, it is exceedingly difficult to determine energy savings from Daylight Saving Time and based on a variety of factors, it is possible that little or no energy is saved by Daylight Saving Time.

Arizona (except some Indian Reservations), Hawaii, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and American Samoa have chosen not to observe Daylight Saving Time. This choice does make sense for the areas closer to the equator because the days are more consistent in length throughout the year.

Daylight Saving Time Around the World

Other parts of the world observe Daylight Saving Time as well. While European nations have been taking advantage of the time change for decades, in 1996 the European Union (EU) standardized a EU-wide European Summer Time. This EU version of Daylight Saving Time runs from the last Sunday in March through the last Sunday in October.

In the southern hemisphere, where Summer comes in December, Daylight Saving Time is observed from October to March. Equatorial and tropical countries (lower latitudes) don't observe Daylight Saving Time since the daylight hours are similar during every season; so there's no advantage to moving clocks forward during the Summer.

104th Fighter Wing Alumni Reunion

Greetings to all ANG Alumni members and welcome to a new year of reunions. We hope that you enjoyed the holidays and we are looking forward to seeing everyone once again. We need to keep our membership growing and once again ask that you contact your Air Guard buddies and encourage them to attend the reunions throughout the year. Dick Oleksak has made a tremendous effort to design ANG Alumni jackets with insignias and emblems of your choice. He will make a brief presentation and has obtained samples for your review and consideration. The jackets are in several varieties and costs, and the choice is yours as to whether you are interested in acquiring one.

Our 2010 reunion schedule is as follows:

17 March 2010
19 May 2010
21 July 2010
15 September 2010
17 November 2010



Here is the information on our March Reunion:

Date: 17 March 2010
Place: NCO Club
Time: 1800 attitude adjustment hour, dinner at 1900.
Cost: \$13.00

Dinner: New England Boiled Dinner--corned beef, cabbage, boiled potatoes, carrots, rolls & butter, dessert & coffee.

We are currently working on the organization of a tour of the base for our alumni members at a subsequent reunion this year, perhaps in July when the weather is warm. We will keep you informed. In addition, we could also arrange for a C-5 tour at Westover if there is enough interest in it. In 2011, we will be celebrating our 50th anniversary of our activation and deployment to Phalsbourg AFB, France. Discussions are taking place regarding a possible reunion with members of the ANG from Boston and Syracuse, probably to be held here at Barnes at our July reunion in 2011. We encourage your thoughts, ideas, and suggestions at subsequent reunions.



Remember, we need your check in the amount of \$13.00 as early as possible to make your dinner reservation and for access to the base. Guests are always welcome. Send your reservation check ASAP to Len Frigon at 778 West St. Ludlow, Ma. 01056. Checks MUST be made payable to 104th Mass ANG Alumni Association and must be received by 5 P.M. on Monday, 15 March. Please enter the name(s) in the memo section of your check when paying for more than one person. Cancellations with a full refund must be made prior to 5 pm on 15 March, the cut-off date. Checks received after that time and date will not be honored and a dinner will not be available, nor a refund allowed.

If you have any questions, please call Pam Spear at 569-2422 or Len Frigon at 589-9157.

We hope to see you on the 17th!

Beware of Consumer Scams

By Master Sgt. Christopher Curtis, Judge Advocate Office



People of any age and at any stage of their life are at risk of falling prey to a scam. There are a few rules of thumb to remember, and to protect yourself, but always remember one thing: **If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is.** Victims of consumer scams lose money and time, and may find their reputation has been ruined, or they are the target for legal action.

Protect Yourself

Read the small print. Always read every last word of any agreement or contract before signing on. Scam offers may use asterisks, small print, or sophisticated language to hide or confuse the true meaning of what you are signing.

Guard your personal information. If someone requests your per-

sonal information, always verify their identity before providing it to them – ask for their name, organization, phone number, and address. Confirm this information through an outside source, such as the company's website or a telephone directory. You may be contacted by credit card companies or banks if they notice unusual transactions or suspect someone else of using your account, but in these cases, financial institutions will never request the account number or other identifying information. Rather they will only inquire about specific usage.

If You Are A Victim

Demand a refund. If you become a victim of consumer fraud and lose money, ask the company for a refund. If they refuse or give you an evasive response, tell them you plan to notify law

enforcement officials.

Document everything. Keep precise records of every action you take to recover your money. Track all phone calls, keep copies of all paperwork, and do your best to record all costs involving time spent recovering your money.

Seek help from appropriate agencies. If a company refuses to refund your money, there are a number of agencies who might be able to help you. If you suspect that you are a victim of consumer fraud, contact the Consumer Hotline of the Attorney General's Office at (617) 727-8400, or contact your Local Consumer Program. You can also contact your local Better Business Bureau, the Federal Trade Commission, and the U.S. Postal Service.

Operation Purple Camp 2010

The National Military Family Association announced that Camp Marshall was chosen to host their popular Operation Purple summer camp is 4-9 July, 2010. The Association developed this free summer camp program in response to the need for increased support for military children, especially those whose parents are or will be deployed.

"Our mission is to empower these military children – our youngest heroes – to develop and maintain healthy and connected relationships, in spite of the current military environment. Kids attending Operation Purple camp will have the opportunity to learn the skills to cope the stress of a deployment and make friends with other kids who are also missing their mom or dad," said Mary Scott, the Association's Chairman of the Board. "The National Military Family Association is excited to work with Camp Marshall on this very worthwhile program."

Camp Marshall's camp program gives children a safe, fun, positive and hands on outdoor educational camp experience. The program's goal is to foster an understanding and respect for the natural world around them. The program is a weekly program starting Sunday afternoon and ending Friday afternoon with an awards ceremony. Campers who participate will have the opportunity to develop confidence, independence and foster respect for themselves and the world around them. Each night offers a special evening activity. Evening activities could include a talent show, dance, camp fire; capture the flag and so much more! Campers will live in rustic cabins that sleep 6-

12 campers. Shower and bathroom facilities are located near by. All campers will have the option to participate daily in Agriculture, Horsemanship, Conservation and Waterfront programs. This gives all campers a well-rounded experience in Camp Marshall's focus areas of Agriculture, Horsemanship and Conservation.



Registration for Operation Purple camp begins March 15, 2010. Applications will only be accepted online. Sign up at www.militaryfamily.org to receive email notices and camp updates. Each camp is "purple" and open to children of service members of any branch of Service, active duty, National Guard or Reserve, as well as children of members of the Commissioned Corps of the Public Health Service and National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration.

Camps are free to all participants thanks to support from the Sierra Club and The Sierra Club Foundation.

About Camp Marshall

4-H Camp Marshall features 275 unspoiled acres bordering Thompson Pond. For more than 50 years, it has been nestled in the rolling hills of Spencer, Massa-

chusetts.

Camp Marshall dedicates itself to providing a positive learning experience for youth. We provide a safe and fun environment with hands-on, outdoor, and agricultural experiences that foster respect, independence, and positive self-esteem.

About the National Military Family Association. Military families serve our country with pride, honor, and quiet dedication. The National Military Family Association is the leading nonprofit organization committed to strengthening and protecting the families of the men and women currently serving, retired, wounded or fallen. We provide families of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, Coast Guard, and Commissioned Corps of the USPHS and NOAA with information, work to get them the benefits they deserve, and offer programs that improve their lives. Our 40 years of service and accomplishments have made us a trusted resource for military families and the Nation's leaders.

To learn more, visit www.MilitaryFamily.org.



Photo by Senior Master Sgt. Robert J. Sabonis

Attention Military Brides

By Senior Airman Matthew Benedetti, Public Affairs

The Cinderella Project of New Hampshire is offering free wedding gowns to military brides in acknowledgment for their service to our country.

The non-profit organization was established in 2002 and provides special occasion gowns and accessories to young girls who would otherwise be unable to attend their school's prom or semi formal. The Cinderella Project is dedicated to promoting confidence and self esteem among young women. Mem-



bers of the group are interested in working closely with the military community.

They have several beautiful bridal gowns donated by local boutiques, and urge unit members to contact Donna Mooney at 617-901-0822 or DLBELD@Yahoo.com.

Do not hesitate to reference www.thecinderallaprojectofnh.org for further information relative to this organization.

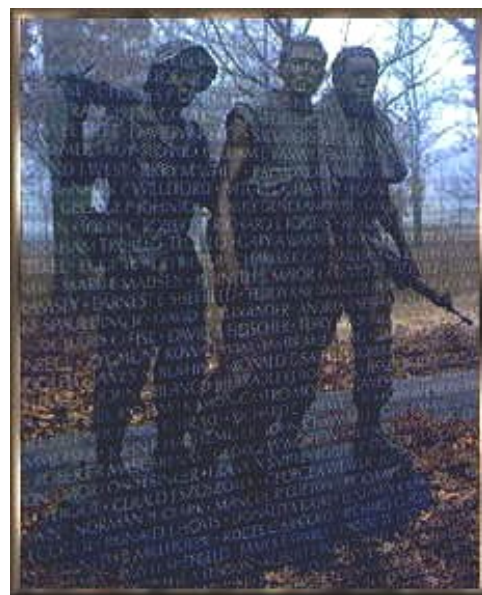
Vietnam: Service Remembered Honoring a Sacrifice and Contribution to Freedom

To members of the 104th Fighter Wing:

Do you have an immediate family member who served in the "Southeast Asian Theater" during the Vietnam War?

Father, Mother, Grandfather, Grandmother, Uncle or Aunt?

On Friday night, August 20th, the 104th Fighter Wing would like to honor their service at a special tribute. At this time, seating is limited to the first 300 attendance requests; attendance is limited to the honored veteran, 1 guest and the sponsor. As this is still in work, details and times for Friday evening have yet to be finalized, but will include period music, displays and artifacts from the Vietnam War.



If you have questions regarding the tribute please direct them to:

MSgt Lynne Bolduc, ext 1288 or email: lynne.bolduc@ang.af.mil (invites/guest list)

CMSgt Jack Major, ext 1071 or email: john.major@ang.af.mil (overall reception)

Please look for signup sheets in your orderly rooms!!!

Family Programs News

104th Family Readiness Group Pasta Night

The 104th Family Readiness Group will be hosting a Pasta Night for all military personnel and their families at the Dining Facility on Friday, March 19, 2010. The meal will include baked ziti, salad, bread, drinks and dessert provided by the Pioneer Valley USO. Meatless pasta will be available as a



Lenten meal. Dining will begin at 1630 and conclude at 1900. Reservations are requested, but not required. Please call Pat Connors or Sandy Wakefield at 413-568-9151 x1717 or x1183.

104th Family Readiness Group Children's Easter Egg Hunt

Children's Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Sunday, March 28, 2010 from 1300-1500 at the Dining Facility. Children ages 0-10 are welcome to attend and reservations are required. There will be activities for the children, refreshments, Easter egg coloring and family pictures with the Easter Bunny. Please call Pat Connors or Sandy Wakefield at 413-568-9151 x1717 or x1183 for your reservations.



For Your Information

Military OneSource Tax Filing Services

Starting January 18, 2010, Military OneSource brings you H&R Block At Home® online tax filing (formerly TaxCut), plus tax consultations by phone — free to service members and their spouses. Tax consultations by phone will be available 7 days a week, 7am -11pm ET.

PLEASE NOTE:

On January 18, 2010, the Military OneSource site will provide a link to the customized H&R Block At Home® product. Please wait until this link is posted on Military OneSource and use that link to access the customized product and create your account.

Do not go to the public H&R Block Web site to create a user account. If you create your account on the H&R Block Web site instead of through the Military OneSource site, the H&R Block system will treat your account as a public account. This means that you will receive the public version of the product instead of the customized Military OneSource product. The public version of H&R Block At Home® is not the same as the customized Military OneSource product, and it is not free. If you create an account through the H&R Block Web site, the H&R Block system will treat your account as a public account even if you access the account in the future through the Military OneSource site. To avoid this problem, please wait until the link is posted to the Military OneSource site.

2010 AF Services Teen Aviation Camp

The camp will be held 5-10 June 2010 at the United State Air Force Academy (USAF) in Colorado Springs, CO. This camp is for high school students entering their sophomore or junior year in the fall of 2010 who are interested in aviation, leadership or the USAFA. Youth who participated in the 2009 Teen Aviation Camp are not eligible to apply this year.

Interested youth must complete the application and apply through their installation Youth Programs, Guard or Reserve Action Officer. For Air National Guard applicants, Ms. Sandra Mason at DSN 278-8138, will conduct the interview and provide the summary of results with the application package and forward to HQ AFSVA/SVPY by 2 April 10.

Airline or POV travel costs to Colorado Springs are the responsibility of the participant or their installation.

All lodging, meals, and program cost will be centrally funded at no cost to the participant or their installation.

All completed applications are due by 19 March 2010 to:

Sandra M. Mason
Child Care and Youth Specialist
NGB/A1SA
3500 Fetchet Avenue
Andrews AFB, MD 20762-5157
DSN: 278-8138
COM: 301-836-8138

If you have any questions, please contact me via e-mail or phone.

Thanks for supporting another great AF Services opportunity for our youth and staff.

Upcoming Events

Events:

****** From Jan. 3 to July 31, 2010, Active/Guard/Reserve and retired U.S. military personnel or their spouses can purchase Disney's 4-Day Military Promotional Base Tickets for \$99, plus tax, for themselves and up to five additional family members, information available at www.disneyworld.com/military <http://bookwdw.reservations.disney.go.com/ibcww/en_US/specialOfferDetails?name=Promo&promotionCode=fy09military&market=fy09military&CMP=VAN-WDWFY09MilitaryOfferVanity>

****** March 13-14 Golf Expo tickets for sale to military members for \$10, includes a free round at Tekoa and Hickory Ridge

****** Western New England Golf Expo March 13-14, 2010
Westfield Boys and Girls Club

28 West Silver Street
Westfield, Ma 01085
Saturday 0900-1700
Sunday 0900-1600

Coupons available at the Family Program Office also include One Free Round of Golf at Hickory Ridge CC Amherst Valid Monday-Friday thru 5/15/10 and a Free round of golf at Tekoa CC Westfield valid any day thru 4/30/10 and after 10-01/10.

Price for the Coupon is \$10.00. Bonus! One year magazine subscription to Golf Digest included with your paid entry fee.

****** March 31, 2010—Federal Women's Program Award Ceremony. The Massachusetts Federal Diversity Group will host the Federal Women's Program Award Ceremony On Wednesday, 31 March 2010, 11:00-1:30 p.m. at JFHQ, Milford, MA. The Massachusetts National Guard is pleased to announce Congresswoman Niki Tsongas as keynote speaker. Please send reservations to: MSG Pallas Wahl, 50

Maple Street, Milford, MA 01757, DSN 256- 7195 NLT 22 MAR 2010, \$6.00 donation per reservation. Checks payable to: MFDG.

Services:

******Free H&R TAX Cut software, available from www.militaryonesource.com

****** Western Mass Golf Season Passes available from Family Support for \$49.95 contact Sandy Wakefield at sandra.wakefield@ang.af.mil for more information

Classes:

****** Satellite NCO Academy, PME required to be promoted to E-7, enroll by 5 February, class starts 23 March. Class is held 4 hours a night, 2 nights per week, for 12 weeks. Contact MSgt Goodreau for more information at tricia.goodreau@ang.af.mil

2010 St. Patrick's Day Parade

By Chief Master Sgt. Stephen Murphy

The 104th has been invited again this year to participate in the 2010 St. Patrick's Day parade. Our aim is to have 40-50 marchers, along with our Honor Guard, three HUMVEES, a Fire Truck, and an A/C maintenance van. Please pass your name, work center, and cell telephone number to either the Chiefs at 104FW.Chiefs@ang.af.mil, or CMSgt Steve Murphy at stephen.murphy@ANG.AF.MIL if you would like to volunteer.

Transportation will be provided, and individuals must report to Barnes ANGB by 0930.

St. Patty's Day Celebration -

Following the parade the Barnes NCO Club will be open for pizza and refreshments. In order to get an idea of how many pizzas to order, please indicate if you are interested in going back to the club. Thank you for your interest in this event.



Here is the information:

- 1) Parade date is March 21, 2010.
- 2) Bus transportation available from Barnes ANG. Report NLT 0930.
- 3) You need to be at the K-Mart Plaza on Route 5, Holyoke at 1030hrs.
- 4) The parade steps off from the K-Mart plaza at 1130hrs.
- 5) The route is 2.6 miles long.
- 6) The UOD is either BDU's or ABU's.

Boy's & Girl's Club Child Care Offer

The Boys and Girls Club is offering child care on the drill weekend of April 10 & 11th. Reservation must be made by calling Sandy Wakefield at extension 1183 by April 5th.



BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS

St. Patty's Day Party at the NCO Club

Come join us for a St Patty's Day Celebration at the Pioneer Valley Club... Saturday March 13th, 2010.

2010 Club coins, graced with the F-100 will be available for purchase. Please support your club and purchase one of these outstanding coins!!

DJ & Karaoke for your listening pleasure.

Come enjoy our new Dartboards (Shuffleboard table coming soon!)



GRAP is a Wrap

**By SrA Matthew Benedetti,
Public Affairs**

The popular recruiting incentive program designed to monetarily acknowledge airmen who refer friends to join the Air Guard is being discontinued. Similar to many initiatives in this austere economic environment, the Guard Recruiting Assistance Program (GRAP) is falling victim to a diminishing budget.

The \$2000 stipend associated with the program was an added inducement for motivated airmen to refer qualified applicants to the Massachusetts Air National Guard. The GRAP program was a successful one and popular among guard recruiters."

Air Guard recruiters have enjoyed a stellar year at the 104th and 102nd. The recruiting success has eased the burden a bit.

What's My Line Winner!



Photo by Senior Master Sgt. Robert J. Sabonis

**Last month's
winner is:**

"Did someone see
a contact lens?"

Submitted by:

Senior Master Sgt.
David Frates

What's My Line?

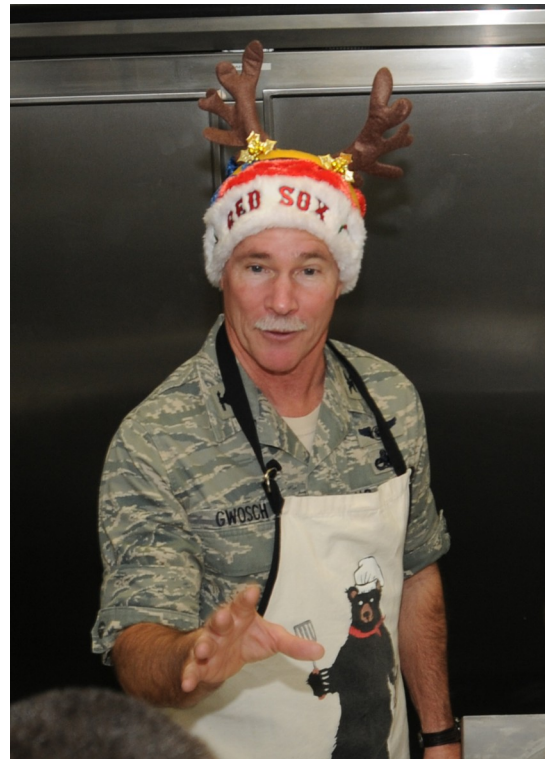


Photo by Master Sgt. Mark Fortin

Submit your funny, creative and appropriate caption for the photo on the right. We will run the winner and a runner-up in next months AirScoop.
Submit your entry to: 104fw.pa@ang.af.mil

Welcome to our Newest Members

Berthiaume, Diane	AMXS
Bibby, Runeul	AMXS
Buell, Lawrence	CES
Cazzarreal-King, Miguel	MXS
Conaboy, Jared	131FS
Craig, William	SFS
Graves, Joseph	AMXS
Hilton, Michael	MXS
McClosky, Jeremiah	CES
McGowen, Scott	AMXS
Rijosoritz, Jose	SFS
Sanctuary Jr., Joseph	AMXS
Stanhope, Theresa	MDG
Weeks, Jeremy	AMXS

Congratulations to our Retirees

Ligawiec, Peter	CES	8 Mar 10
Favreau, John	CES	9 Mar 10
Henderson, Paul	CES	9 Mar 10
Morabito, Anthony	AMXS	17 Mar 10
Trombley, Robert	CES	22 Mar 10
Harmat, James	CES	5 Apr 10
Walaszek, Gerald	MOF	13 Apr 10
Moriarty, Matthew	LRS	6 May 10
Viamari, Gino	MXS	10 May 10
Buckowski, Richard	LRS	14 May 10

104th FW CES First Sgt. Opening

Grade: E-7 / MSgt

Unit: 104th Civil Engineering Squadron

Supervisor: 104th Civil Engineering Squadron Commander

Application deadline: 19 Apr 10 / Board: 2 May 10

Submit applications via electronic format (word, pdf, etc.) via e-mail to: Maj Dave Mendoza, david.mendoza@ang.af.mil 104FW/DP, NLT 1200, 15 Apr 2010

For more information contact: CMSgt. Al Reale at albert.reale@us.af.mil or 413-568-9151 x1778

104th FW MXS First Sgt. Opening

Grade: E-7 / MSgt

Unit: 104th Maintenance Squadron

Supervisor: 104th Maintenance Squadron Commander

Estimated Date of Assignment: 1 Jun 10

Board date: TBD

Submit applications via electronic format (word, pdf, etc.) via e-mail to: Maj Dave Mendoza, david.mendoza@ang.af.mil 104FW/DP, NLT 1200, 15 Apr 2010

For more information contact: CMSgt. Al Reale at albert.reale@us.af.mil or 413-568-9151 x1778

Congratulations on your Promotions

To Senior Airman (E-4)

A1C Duval, 104 FSS

A1C Gutierrez, 104 MXS

A1C Hoffman, 104 AMS

A1C Horne, 104 MXS

A1C Lopez, 104 MOF

A1C O'Brien, 104 SFS

A1C Prouty, 104 AMS

A1C Schuster, 104 SFS

A1C Sorensen, 104 AMS



To Staff Sgt. (E-5)

SrA Driscoll, 104 SFS

A1C Wynn, 104 Student Flt



To Technical Sgt. (E-6)

SSgt Bellile, 104 AMS

SSgt Johnson, 131FS

SSgt Scobie, 104 SFS



To Master Sgt. (E-7)

TSgt Cekovsky, 104 SFS

TSgt Belisle, 212 EIS



To Senior Master Sgt. (E-8)

MSgt Midwood, 104 AMS

To Chief Master Sgt. (E-9)

SMSgt Roy, 104 AMS



This Month in History

The back cover of the Airscoop will now be dedicated to the history of the unit and the Air Force. We will feature historic covers or articles from the archives and highlight a few historic headlines. (side note) From 1947 to 1954 the Base Newspaper was named the Thunderbolt. The first official Copy of the Airscoop was published in January 1954.

March Headlines:

1-9 March 1928 - USAAC Lt. Burnie R. Dallas and Beckwith Havens make the first transcontinental flight in an amphibious airplane. Total flight time in the Loening Amphibian is 32 hours, 45 minutes.

1 March 1944 - "Consider yourself dead. Some of you won't come back from this. Some of you will, but you'll be the lucky ones."

Briefing officer, 97th BG, 15th AAF, Foggia Italy, to B-17 Navigator Lt. Mike Scorcio and crew before a mission to Germany.

6 March 1944 - the USAF launched their first large-scale daylight raid on Berlin, the capital of Hitler's Reich. The price they paid for their audacity was high: sixty-nine heavy bombers and eleven escort fighters failed to return, the highest number in any raid mounted by the 8th Air Force.

3 March 1949 - The United States Air Force circled the globe nonstop for the first time in history. The Lucky Lady II, a B-50 bomber, and her crew of 14, surprised the world by winding up Fort Worth, Texas. Wing refueling made the journey possible.

March 1959 - Construction of the 104th Fighter Wing main hangar began.

4 March 1966 - A flight of USAF F-4C Phantoms is attacked by three MiG-17s in the first air-to-air combat of the war over North Vietnam.



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